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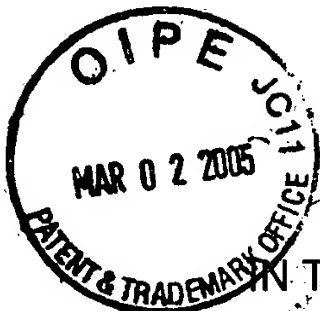
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In re Application of:

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For: METHODS OF DETERMINING
THE PRESENCE OF
POLYNUCLEOTIDES
EMPLOYING AMPLIFICATION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed December 3, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at pages 2-13.

Remarks follow the amendments section of this paper at page 14.